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ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Timothy Sullivan, Judith Hodges, David White, and Christine Wallace of the Commission. Catherine Garnett was present as an associate member of the Commission, she will be sworn in by the next meeting. Robert Keane, owner, and Tom Ryan, landscape architect, presented the 4 Mystic Bank project. Also in attendance were John Belskis of the Poet's corner neighborhood, and Andy Mass, Ray Aaronian and two residents of Fairview Ave. for the 4 Mystic Bank project.

7:30pm MISCELLANEOUS –

Sullivan/White motioned to approve the minutes of 1/17/02; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith began drafted the survey regarding docks and forward this to the Commission but it is still under review.

There is still another opening for membership on the Commission.

The Conservation Lands regulations and wetland replication regulations will be reviewed more and discussed at the next meeting. The Commission is waiting for DEP's recommendations for wetland replication to be issued.

The Great Meadows Friends group has scheduled an open to the public meeting to garner support for Tuesday, March 12, 2002 from 7:30-9:30pm, at the Community Safety Building on Mystic St. Ms. Beckwith is having copies of the report made for distribution.

7:45pm PUBLIC HEARING: 4 MYSTIC BANK, NOTICE OF INTENT

Mr. Keane presented his landscape plan and described the work in the backyard which is on the shore of the Lower Mystic Lake.

They proposed to install a retaining wall of modular, rough-faced concrete block, mixed native plantings, rebuild the existing shoreline wall to the Lake and install a small dock (of modular polyethylene blocks). Compensatory flood storage is provided with the installation of the staircase and the new shoreline wall being sloped backward.

Ms. Garnett asked questions regarding construction sequencing, erosion controls and the protection of existing vegetation.

The neighbors on Fairview Ave asked questions regarding public access to the Lake on the paper street, end of Fairview.

Wallace/Hodges made a motion to close the public hearing. After a brief discussion, Wallace/Hodges made a motion to approve the project as proposed with conditions regarding construction sequencing, erosion controls and protection of existing vegetation; motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS, CONT.-

The next Friends of Spy Pond will be meeting in the Town Hall Annex on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30pm.

John Belskis and ten citizens of Arlington submitted a Warrant to the next Town Meeting regarding the definition of an isolated wetland. The Commission will review the language of the warrant. The neighbors of Poets Corner will give a presentation of

their latest information at the 2/28 hearing at 8:15pm.

Ms. Beckwith attended a meeting of the Alewife Advisory committee just prior to this meeting. The content of the comment letter regarding the extension of the Variance of the Water Quality standard for the Alewife Brook was discussed. Some members of that committee would like stronger language that would state that the extension is not justified. The Conservation Commission discussed this and decided that it would restate its comment in the letter. Ms. Beckwith will redraft this.

The DEP is holding a meeting on Monday, February 11, to discuss the Water Quality standard designation process. Ms. Beckwith will draft the comment letter after that meeting. The comment is due Feb. 22.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 10:00pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Cori Beckwith, Administrator